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SUBJECT: MOSCOW SIGNAL: EMPLOYEE REACTIONS

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1. AGREE THAT EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO RESPOND TO EMPLOYEE QUESTIONS LOCALLY AND APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION BEFORE LOCAL AFSA CHAPTER RAISES THESE MATTERS FORMALLY WITH AFSA HEAD-QUARTERS. FOLLOWING IS GUIDANCE WHICH CAN BE USED IN RESPONDING TO LATEST QUERIES:

--A. BRIEFING PAPER IS CURRENTLY BEING REVISED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF QUESTIONS POSED BY AFSA COMMITTEE HERE AND WHEN THIS HAS BEEN COMPLETED SECTIONS DEALING WITH SIGNAL CHARACTERISTICS WILL BE DECLASSIFIED TO PERMIT EMPLOYEES TO PROVIDE DATA TO THEIR PRIVATE PHYSICIANS.

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AS FOR INFORMING RELATIVES IN U.S. WHO HAVE EXPRESSED

CONCERN, WE WOULD ASSUME EMPLOYEES WOULD BE ABLE TO REASSURE THEM THAT THEY HAVE BEEN BRIEFED THOROUGHLY ON SITUATION, AND CONVEY SENSE OF WHAT BRIEFING PAPER SAYS ABOUT HEALTH EFFECTS, E.G. THAT THERE IS NO EVIDENCE CONNECTING ANY DISORDER TO ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELDS IN THE EMBASSY, PAST OR PRESENT.

--B. PROCEDURE OUTLINED IN PARA 4 OF REFTTEL CONCERNING CERTIFICATES IS THAT WHICH HAD BEEN CONTEMPLATED BY DEPARTMENT, AND EMBASSY SHOULD COMMENCE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES ON REQUEST. PLEASE FORWARD DATA IN EMBASSY FILES TO A/SY.

--C. CONCUR THAT GUIDANCE ALREADY PROVIDED ON QUESTION OF TIMING OF BRIEFING IS ALL THAT CAN USEFULLY BE PROVIDED ON THIS QUESTION.

--D. AS TO CURRENT STATUS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIETS, AFSA REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD BE TOLD THAT THIS IS A HIGHLY SENSITIVE MATTER WHICH CANNOT BE DISCUSSED WITH EMPLOYEES AT THIS STAGE. THEY SHOULD UNDERSTAND FROM SECRETARY'S PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTER THAT DISCUSSIONS ARE PROCEEDING, BUT THEY SHOULD ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS TOTALLY UNREALISTIC TO EXPECT TO BE BRIEFED ON NATURE OF THESE DISCUSSIONS. AS HAS BEEN POINTED OUT REPEATEDLY, OUR PARAMOUNT CONCERN IN DEALING WITH PROBLEM IS EMPLOYEE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING.

--E. RE "DELAY" IN PROVIDING SCREENING, BELIEVE THIS IS ADEQUATELY EXPLAINED IN AVAILABLE GUIDANCE.

2. PUBLISHED MATERIAL ON MICROWAVE RADIATION IS PRESENTLY BEING ASSEMBLED BY EXPERTS AND WILL BE POUCHED OR HAND-CARRIED IF OPPORTUNITY ARISES THIS WEEK.

3. IN DEALING WITH THOSE FEW WHO ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH EXPLANATIONS RECEIVED TO DATE, YOU SHOULD ENCOURAGE ANY WHO WISH TO DO SO TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF STANDING OFFER TO OBTAIN DIRECT TRANSFER WITHOUT PREJUDICE. FROM POINT OF VIEW OF THEIR OWN MORALE AND THAT OF
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